



PATENT
15615/02/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:) GROUP ART UNIT: 1638
McBride et al)
SERIAL NUMBER: 08/984,099) EXAMINER: Amy Nelson
FILED: December 03, 1997) CONFIRMATION NO.: 1773

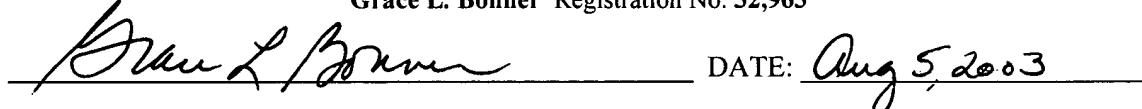


TITLE: COTTON FIBER TRANSCRIPTIONAL FACTORS

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service
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Washington, D.C. 20231, on **August 5, 2003**
Grace L. Bonner Registration No. 32,963

 DATE: Aug 5, 2003

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181

Commissioner for Patents
Box Issue Fee
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This letter is in response to a notice sent on July 2, 2003.

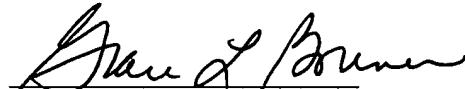
Applicant respectfully requests petition to withdraw holding of abandonment based on the following:

The Notice of Abandonment Paper No. 40, states that the application was abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to timely file new formal drawings. It is noted that no proposed new formal drawings have been received. However, Applicants filed new formal drawings with the Issue Fee Transmittal and Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney, by First Class Mail on February 8, 2003. Attached is a copy of the submission, and as required, a copy of the Post Card receipt showing receipt by the PTO on February 25, 2003. The drawings and Issue Fee were not due until April 2, 2003. The referenced Deposit Account was debited for the Issue Fee on February 28.

The Commissioner is GENERALLY authorized to charge any required fees relating to this paper to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.

Withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: Aug 5, 2003
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Applicant(s): McBride, et al	Docket No. 15615/02/US	
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Filing Date: Dec. 3, 1977		Customer No. 27161
Title: COTTON FIBER TRANSCRIPTIONAL FACTORS		FEB 25 2003 OIPR SC42
Please acknowledge receipt of the following:		
1. Corrected Drawings as indicated by the Examiner's notation 8.(c) of Paper No. 31		
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney as required by the Examiner's notation 7. of Paper No. 31		
3. - Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal		
By stamping with the USPTO receipt stamp and returning to Monsanto Company		
Date Mailed to PTO: February 18, 2003	Attorney: GL Bonner	

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